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### Note to readers

We are making a few changes to puzzles and other features starting with today's edition. For efficiency, we and other newspapers in our group decided to create shared puzzles and comics pages. So you'll find some new puzzles inside, but some features will no longer be available.

### Manchester University Symphonic Band to present 'May the Fourth Be With You'

On Wednesday, May 4 the MU Symphonic Band will present a concert entitled "May the Fourth Be With You" at 7:30 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. Under the direction of Scott Humphries, MU director of bands and music education, it will perform works by composers including Ralph Vaughn Williams, Anthony O'Toole and John Williams. Featured guests for the evening are Huntington Club Saxophone, an all-saxophone ensemble, which will include Humphries on both baritone and bass saxophones. In addition, senior vocal performance and biology-chemistry major Jennifer Wagner will guest conduct Clifton William's band classic, "Dedicatory Overture."

### Local students to pitch big ideas at INnovate Wabash County

Grow Wabash County will once again, host an

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## Primary election voters take to polls

Clerk: Early voting 'very slow' compared to 2018

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A lack of many contested races and dreary spring weather didn't keep primary election voters away from the polls Tuesday.

However, Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper said early voting had been sluggish.

"I feel voting is very slow," said Draper.

Draper said they had mailed out 112 absentee ballots and

have had 386 in-person early voters as of noon Thursday for a total of 498 voters.

Draper said the total of early voter and mail in absentee in the 2018 primary was 1,594 and the Election Day total was 4,468. The total turnout for the primary election in 2018 was 29.88 percent.

On Tuesday, voters turned out at the Clerk's Office and the five voting centers located around the county.

At one of those, Zion Lutheran Church, poll worker Kayla Vandiepenbos said they had about 80 voters turn out to that location on Monday and

had about 295 as of 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"Voting is going really well today. Everything's working great," said Vandiepenbos. "I've never done this before, but from what I'm hearing it's going very well. We have quite a few voters yesterday."

As voters made their way down the church's driveway to park outside there were competing signs on either side of the road signifying one of the only contested races on the ballot Tuesday.

For State Representative

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Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

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## Two-day festival brings composers, new music to Manchester University



Provided photo

The featured performer is four-time Grammy Award-winning cellist Nick Photinos.

### Event features four-time Grammy Award-winning cellist Nick Photinos

By **ANNE GREGORY**

The Manchester New Music Festival will be held at Manchester University on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7.

The festival in North Manchester will present five free concerts of contemporary classical music by more than 30 composers from all over the United States. It will include music for a variety of instrumentation and media such as chamber music, solo and electroacoustic works.

The featured performer is four-time Grammy Award-winning cellist Nick Photinos.

Each concert program will be comprised of new

works by composers, most of whom will be at the festival. All concerts are in Grace Wine Recital Hall in Otho Winger Hall.

Festival Schedule:

■ Concert 1: Solo, chamber and electroacoustic music at 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 6. The program will feature a mix of chamber music

See **FESTIVAL**, page A10

Solo, chamber and electroacoustic music will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 6. The program will feature a variety of chamber and electroacoustic works including compositions for solo cello performed by Nick Photinos.

Provided photo by Joe Mazza



## Downtown Wabash First Friday in May combining with Sidewalk Sales

Wabash Valley Dance Theater also launching the 'Come Move With Us' campaign during the event

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Downtown Wabash is hosting May's First Friday with a

special feature on graduating seniors and Sidewalk Sales, said public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis. May's First Friday is from 5

to 8 p.m. Friday, May 6 and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [downtownwabash.org](http://downtownwabash.org).

"Businesses will feature special discounts for graduating seniors in anticipation of upcoming graduation ceremonies and open houses,"

said Ellis. "On May's First Friday, Miami Street in Downtown Wabash will feature a street festival atmosphere. Guests can expect food trucks, family-friendly activities, street vendors and

See **DOWNTOWN**, page A10

## Local leaders react to Supreme Court abortion case leak

Draft opinion obtained by Politico suggests Roe poised to be overturned

By **ROB BURGESS**  
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A draft opinion suggests the U.S. Supreme Court could be poised to overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade case that legalized abortion nationwide, according to a Politico report.

A decision to overrule Roe would lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states and could have huge ramifications for this year's elections. But it's unclear if the draft represents the court's final

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## Three MSD schools were named Family Friendly Schools by IDOE

Metro North Elementary School is the newest local school to earn recognition

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has announced that three MSD schools have been named 2022-2023 Family Friendly Schools.

This year, Metro North Elementary School earned this important designation for the first time.

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**Erica Markiewicz**  
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IN BRIEF

Woman’s Clubhouse to hold May luncheon

The Woman’s Clubhouse invites you to a dress-up Tea Party on the back porch and the Porter Dining Room at noon Tuesday, May 10 at 770 W. Hill St., according to Ellen Stouffer. “Wear your summer hats if you like and enjoy one of Heather Stevens’ beautiful tea plates,” said Stouffer. “We will be having an unplanned program.” For reservations, call Mary DeLauter at 260-563-

6613 or Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088.

Frances Slocum Chapter DAR to hold May meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave., according to regent Barbara Amiss. The program will be on

“The Story of Ona Judge: Never Caught” about “George and Martha Washington’s courageous slave who dared to run away.” Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Tamara Wise at 574-527-2208 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.



Emilio Morenatti / AP

Anna Shevchenko, 35, reacts next to her home in Irpin, near Kyiv, Tuesday. The house, built by Shevchenko’s grandparents, was nearly completely destroyed by bombing in late March during the Russian invasion of Ukraine. In her beloved flowerbed, some roses, lilies, peonies and daffodils survived. “It is new life. So I tried to save my flowers,” she said.

Russia storms Mariupol plant as some evacuees reach safety

By CARA ANNA and YESICA FISCH Associated Press

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — Russian forces Tuesday began storming the steel mill containing the last pocket of resistance in Mariupol, Ukrainian defenders said, just as scores of civilians evacuated from the bombed-out plant reached relative safety and told of days and nights filled with dread and despair from constant shelling.

Osnat Lubrani, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Ukraine, said that thanks to the evacuation effort over the weekend, 101 people — including women, the elderly, and 17 children, the youngest 6 months old — were able to emerge from the bunkers under the Azovstal steelworks and “see the daylight after two months.”

One evacuee said she went to sleep at the plant every night afraid she wouldn’t wake up.

“You can’t imagine how scary it is when you sit in the shelter, in a wet and damp basement which is bouncing, shaking,” 54-year-old Elina Tsybulchenko said upon arriving in the Ukrainian-controlled city of Zaporizhzhia, about 140 miles northwest of Mariupol, in a convoy of buses and ambulances.

She added: “We were praying to God that missiles fly over our shelter, because if it hit the shelter, all of us would be done.”

Evacuees, a few of whom were in tears, made their way from the buses into a tent offering some of the comforts long denied them during their weeks underground, including hot food, diapers and connections to the outside world. Mothers fed small children. Some of the evacuees browsed racks of donated clothing, including new underwear.

The news for those left behind was more grim. Ukrainian commanders said

Russian forces backed by tanks began storming the sprawling plant, which includes a maze of tunnels and bunkers spread out over 4 square miles.

How many Ukrainian fighters were holed up inside was unclear, but the Russians put the number at about 2,000 in recent weeks, and 500 were reported to be wounded. A few hundred civilians also remained there, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said.

“We’ll do everything that’s possible to repel the assault, but we’re calling for urgent measures to evacuate the civilians that remain inside the plant and to bring them out safely,” Sviatoslav Palamar, deputy commander of Ukraine’s Azov Regiment, said on the messaging app Telegram.

He added that throughout the night, the plant was hit with naval artillery fire and airstrikes. Two civilian women were killed and 10 civilians wounded, he said.

The U.N.’s Lubrani expressed hope for further evacuations but said none had been worked out.

In other battlefield developments, Russian troops shelled a chemical plant in the eastern city of Avdiivka, killing at least 10 people, Donetsk regional governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said.

“The Russians knew exactly where to aim — the workers just finished their shift and were waiting for a bus at a bus stop to take them home,” Kyrylenko wrote in a Telegram post. “Another cynical crime by Russians on our land.”

Explosions were also heard in Lviv, in western Ukraine, near the Polish border. The strikes damaged three power substations, knocking out electricity in parts of the city and disrupting the water supply, and wounded two people, the mayor said. Lviv has been a gateway for NATO-supplied weapons and a haven for those fleeing the fighting in the east.

A rocket also struck an infrastructure facility in a mountainous area in Transcarpathia, a region in far western Ukraine that borders Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia, authorities said. There was no immediate word of any casualties.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said Russian aircraft and artillery hit hundreds of targets in the past day, including troop strongholds, command posts, artillery positions, fuel and ammunition depots and radar equipment.

Ukrainian authorities said the Russians also attacked at least a half-dozen railroad stations around the country.

The assault on the Azovstal steelworks began almost two weeks after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his military not to storm the plant to finish off the defenders but to seal it off. The first — and so far only — civilians to be evacuated from the shattered plant got out during a brief cease-fire in an operation overseen by the U.N. and the Red Cross.

At a reception center in Zaporizhzhia, stretchers and wheelchairs were lined up, and children’s shoes and toys awaited the convoy. Medical and psychological teams were on standby.

Some of the elderly evacuees appeared exhausted as they arrived. Some of the younger people, especially mothers comforting babies and other young children, appeared relieved.

“I’m very glad to be on Ukrainian soil,” said a woman who gave only her first name, Anna, and arrived with two children, ages 1 and 9. “We thought we wouldn’t get out of there, frankly speaking.”

A small group of women held up signs in English asking that fighters also be evacuated from the steel plant.

The arrival of the evacuees was a rare piece of good news in the nearly 10-week conflict that has killed thousands, forced millions to flee the country, laid waste to towns and cities, and shifted the post-Cold War balance of power in Eastern Europe. “Over the past days, traveling with the evacuees, I have heard mothers, children and frail grandparents speak about the trauma of living day after day under unrelenting heavy shelling and the fear of death, and with extreme lack of water, food and sanitation,” Lubrani said. “They spoke of the hell they have experienced.”

5-Day Weather Summary

<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 65 / 50	<b>Thursday</b> Few Showers 70 / 58	<b>Friday</b> Showers Likely 69 / 54	<b>Saturday</b> Few Showers 67 / 53	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 73 / 57
<b>Sun and Moon</b> Today's sunset ..... 8:40 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:39 a.m. First 5/8 Full 5/16 Last 5/22 New 5/30			<b>Detailed Local Outlook</b> Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 65°, humidity of 70%. North wind 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 50°. Northeast wind 8 mph. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 35% chance of showers, high of 70°, humidity of 65%.	

Election 2022: Trump’s endorsement power put to test in Ohio

By JILL COLVIN and JULIE CARR SMYTH Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio Republicans were casting their ballots Tuesday in one of the most contentious and closely watched Senate primaries in the U.S., deciding a race that is seen as an early referendum on former President Donald Trump’s hold on the GOP as the midterm primary season kicks into high gear.

Meanwhile, polls were closing in parts of Indiana, where more than a dozen state House members are trying to hold off Republican primary challengers who want to push the Legislature further to the right.

In Ohio, author and venture capitalist JD Vance is seen as the frontrunner in the Republican race to replace retiring Sen. Rob Portman after receiving Trump’s late-stage support, capping a bitter and expensive contest that, at one point, saw two candidates nearly come to blows on a debate stage. The winner is likely to face 10-term Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan, who has distanced himself from the progressive wing of his party ahead of what is expected to be a difficult year for Democrats seeking to hold their congressional majorities.

Incumbent Republican Gov. Mike DeWine appears on track to secure his party’s nomination for another term, despite backlash from conservatives over COVID-19 shutdowns and mandates.

Tuesday marks the first multistate contest of the 2022 campaign and comes the day after the leak of a draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion that suggests the court could be poised to overturn the 1973 landmark Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide. Such a decision could have a dramatic impact on the course of the midterms, when control of Congress, governors’ mansions and key elections offices are at stake.

The primaries also serve as a clarifying test of Trump’s influence in his party. A Vance victory will likely embolden Trump to keep asserting himself in primary campaigns ahead of another potential presidential run. A setback, however, would raise questions about whether GOP voters are seeking a new direction, especially in a state he won twice by margins of 8 percentage points.

At the Strongsville library in suburban Cleveland, 84-year-old George Clark said he voted for Vance based on Trump’s endorsement.

“I know he’s had some

bad press, but I know he’s a conservative and I always vote for conservatives.” Clark said.

But Joanne Mondak, 71, said she voted for state Sen. Matt Dolan, the only major candidate who did not aggressively court Trump. The rest of the field, she said, are “nutcakes” who are “too much Trump.”

Trump reminded Ohio voters Tuesday his stake in the race.

Calling into a Columbus radio show, Trump praised all the candidates seeking the GOP nomination, but said he chose to endorse Vance despite his past Trump criticism because he believes he is best positioned to win the seat in November.

Vance had been trailing in the polls until the former president backed the “Hillbilly Elegy” author and one-time Trump critic in a contest that revolved largely around him. While the timing of Trump’s endorsement — less than three weeks before Election Day and as early voting was already underway — may have dulled its impact, it was a major blow to former Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel, Cleveland investment banker Mike Gibbons and former Ohio Republican Party Chair Jane Timken, who had all gone to elaborate lengths to court Trump and his voters.

Employers post record 11.5 million job openings in March

By PAUL WISEMAN AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Employers posted a record 11.5 million job openings in March, meaning the United States now has an unprecedented two job openings for every person who is unemployed.

The latest data released Tuesday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics further reveals an extraordinarily tight labor market that has emboldened millions of Americans to seek better paying jobs, while also contributing to the biggest inflation surge in four decades.

A record 4.5 million Americans quit their jobs in March — a sign that they are confident they can find better pay or improved working conditions elsewhere.

Layoffs, which has been running around 1.8 million a month before the pandemic hit the economy in early

2020, ticked up to 1.4 million in March from 1.35 million in February.

The U.S. job market is on a hot streak. Employers have added an average of more than 540,000 jobs a month for the past year. The Labor Department is expected to report Friday that the economy generated another 400,000 new jobs in April, according to a survey by the data firm FactSet. That would mark an unprecedented 12th straight month that hiring has come in at 400,000 or more.

The U.S. economy and job market roared back with unexpected strength from 2020’s brief but devastating coronavirus recession, fueled by massive government spending and super-low interest rates engineered by the Federal Reserve.

Caught off guard by the sudden rebound in consumer demand, companies scrambled to hire work-

ers and stock their shelves. They were forced to raise wages, and factories, ports and freight yards were overwhelmed with traffic. The result has been shipping delays and higher prices.

In March, consumer prices rose 8.5 percent from a year earlier — the hottest inflation since 1981.

Where things go from here is uncertain. The Fed is raising short-term interest rates to combat inflation. The COVID-19 stimulus from the federal government is gone. And the war in Ukraine has clouded the economic outlook.

Despite strong hiring, the United States is still 1.6 million short of the jobs it had in February 2020, just before the coronavirus hit the economy; and that shortfall does not take into account the additional jobs that should have been added by a growing population.

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# Obituaries

## Even as COVID cases rise, mask mandates stay shelved

By **BOBBY CAINA CALVAN and STEVE LEBLANC**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An increase in COVID-19 infections around the U.S. has sent more cities into new high-risk categories that are supposed to trigger indoor mask wearing, but much of the country is stopping short of bringing back restrictions amid deep pandemic fatigue.

For weeks, much of upstate New York has been in the high-alert orange zone, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention designation that reflects serious community spread. The CDC urges people to mask up in indoor public places, including schools, regardless of vaccination status. But few, if any, local jurisdictions in the region brought back a mask requirement despite rising case counts.

In New York City, cases are again rising and this week crossed the city’s threshold for “medium risk,” indicating the widening spread of the subvariant known as BA.2 that has swept the state’s northern reaches. But there appears to be little appetite from Mayor Eric Adams to do an about face just a few months after allowing residents to shed masks and put away vaccination cards that were once required to enter restaurants and concert halls. Adams has said the city could pivot and reimpose mandates but has stressed that he wants to keep the city open.

“I don’t anticipate many places, if any, going back to mask mandates unless we see overflowing hospitals – that’s what would drive mask mandates,” said Professor David Larsen, a public health expert at Syracuse University in upstate New York, whose own county is currently an orange zone.

“People are still dying, but not in the same numbers,” he said.

Nationally, hospitalizations are up slightly but still as low as any point in the pandemic. Deaths have steadily decreased in the last three months to nearly the lowest numbers.

The muted response reflects the exhaustion of the country after two years of restrictions and the new challenges that health leaders are facing at this phase of the pandemic.

An abundance of at-home virus test kits has led to a steep undercount of COVID-19 cases that were once an important benchmark. Researchers estimate that more than 60 percent of the country was infected with the virus during the omicron surge, bringing high levels of

protection on top of the tens of millions of vaccinations. Hospitalizations have increased but only slightly.

“If a mask mandate were reinstated right this minute, I don’t think it’d be very successful,” said Jim Kearns, a videographer at the State University of New York in Oswego, another upstate New York community in the CDC’s orange zone.

“I think a lot of people are just over it,” he said. “If I saw death rates and hospitalizations going up in crazy numbers, and if I felt that there was a danger to me and my family, I would put it on in a heartbeat. But it has been a long two years.”

In Boston, even as COVID-19 cases began to tick up again, there’s been little drive to reimpose the indoor mask mandate city officials largely lifted two months ago. Boston still requires masks in schools and on school buses. A statewide mask mandate was lifted for schools at the end of February.

The city is now focused on what Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has described as recovery efforts, including attracting workers and visitors back to the city’s downtown. Health officials continue to urge caution. During April’s running of the Boston Marathon, which drew tens of thousands of competitors, race organizers and city officials recommended runners take steps to stop the spread of the virus by getting vaccinated, tested for COVID-19 and not accepting water from spectators.

In Maine, there have been few efforts to reinstate COVID-19 precautions, even after Democratic Gov. Janet Mills tested positive for COVID-19 at the end of April. The 74-year-old, who had received a second booster, said she believes that’s “one of the reasons why I am still feeling well” and encouraged others to get vaccinated.

One of the most jarring reactions came in Philadelphia, which last month abandoned its indoor mask mandate just days after becoming the first U.S. metropolis to reimpose compulsory masking in response to an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

City officials, who had said they wanted to head off a new wave of infections, abruptly backtracked after what they said was an unexpected drop in the number of people in the hospital and a leveling-off of new infections.

The turnaround came amid rising opposition to the reinstatement, but city officials said the decision was about data, not politics.

### Barbara Jean Bakehorn

Sept. 2, 1929 – April 28, 2022

Barbara Jean Bakehorn, 92, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 11:00 am, Thursday, April 28, 2022, at her home. She was born on Sept. 2, 1929, in Wabash, to Dalice O’Dell and Leona Cecilia (Nayrock-er) Martin.

Barbara married Joseph Earl Bakehorn in Wabash on June 29, 1947; he died Feb. 28, 2021. She attended Wabash High School. As a young girl, Barbara worked at Hutchins Laundry, General Tire, and 20 years at Heckman Bindery in North Manchester, retiring in 1988. She was a member of the Wabash Alliance Church. Barbara enjoyed reading, painting, collecting knick knacks and going to rummage sales.

She is survived by Daughter, Linda Sue (Gary) Vigar of Fort Myers, FL, 8 grandchildren, Gerald (Shauna) Vigar, Jr. of Wabash, Valerie Vigar of Elkins, West Virginia, Rachel (Larry) Vigar of Fort Mapleton, Illinois, Matthew (Rachel) Vigar of Irwin, Pennsylvania, Todd (Tammy) Houser and Jeremy (Brandy) Houser, both of LaFontaine, Tameka (J.C.) Perez of Glen Burnie, Maryland, and Daniel (Ashlee) Townsend of Elkhart, Indiana; 20 great-grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren; sister, Anna Marie (John) Fritz of Peru,



Indiana, and sister-in-law, Connie Martin of Allen, Michigan. She was also preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Pamela Kay Harman, and her two brothers, Delbert Martin and Marvin Martin.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Thursday, May 5, 2022, at Wabash Alliance Church, 1200 N. Cass Street, Wabash, with Pastor Todd Render officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Memorial Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 pm Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash Alliance GCF.

The memorial guest book for Barbara may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Madeline Sue Bolinger

May 20, 1943 – April 29, 2022

Madeline Sue Bolinger, 78, of Kokomo, Indiana, died 7:22 pm, Friday, April 29, 2022, at Community Hospital in Kokomo. She was born on May 20, 1943, in Peru, Indiana, to Ernest Cole and Malvina (DeBin) Ball.

Madeline was a 1961 graduate of Somerset High School and a graduate of Indiana Business College in Fort Wayne. She married Gordon L. Bolinger in Somerset on Aug. 24, 1963; he died July 26, 2021. Madeline was a Home Interiors manager for 33 years, retiring in 2007. She enjoyed cooking, flower gardening, and fishing with Gordon.

She is survived by three children, Mark (Julie) Bolinger of Wabash, Kathleen Bolinger of Kokomo, and Shannon Bolinger-Bennett of Palm Bay, Florida, six grandchildren, Nathaneal (Stephanie) Bolinger of Muncie, Indiana, Caleb (Jasmine) Bolinger of Wabash,



Elaine (Preston) Murrell of Charlotte, North Carolina, Marissa Bolinger of Kokomo, Casey (Greg) Bennett-Waits of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Alexis Bennett of Palm Bay,

two great-granddaughters, Adelaide Bolinger of Muncie, and Violet Bolinger of Wabash, sister, Lana (Jerry) Long of Wabash, and two brothers Thomas (Ginny) Ball and Ernest (Barb) Ball, both of Amboy, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents, brother, Jim Ball, and step-brothers, Dick and Don Ball.

Memorial services will be 4:00 pm, Friday, May 6, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating.

Preferred memorial is St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

The memorial guest book for Madeline may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Helen Louise Lecocq

Helen Louise Lecocq, 96, North Manchester, passed away on May 2, 2022 at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, Indiana.

The loving memory of Helen Louise Lecocq will be forever cherished by

her son, Gary (Julie) Lecocq; daughters, Vicki (Dale) Carpenter, and Carol Lecocq; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the

### Perry Eugene ‘Gene’ Stewart

Feb. 27, 1920 – April 27, 2022

Perry Eugene “Gene” Stewart, 102, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at his daughter’s home in Arvada, Colorado. He was born on Feb. 27, 1920, in Kokomo, Indiana, to Oliver Perry and Sylinda Mae (Barker) Stewart.

Gene was a 1938 graduate of Somerset High School. He married Geneva Ramer in Amboy, Indiana, on May 2, 1942; she died on Nov. 12, 1983. He married Eleanor (Peggy) Frank in Somerset on Jan. 17, 1987; she died on May 16, 2017.

Gene had many memories of growing up during the Depression: farming with horses; shucking corn by hand and taking it in the Model-T with his Dad to Stockdale Mill to have it ground into feed; living on homemade bread and potato soup with rivels. He farmed from the age of 19; worked 23 winters at General Tire; drove 20 years for Yellow Freight. He spent 33 of his 39 years of retirement wintering in Florida or Texas. Throughout his life he always prioritized an August vacation with family, traveling to National Parks throughout the West. He was a member of the Somerset Woodlawn United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Jeanette Ballentine of Arvada, Colorado, and Susan Floor of Roann, Indiana; daughter-in-law Bonnie (Larry) Stewart; three grandchildren, Jessica (Patrick) Gallo, Paul Eugene (Lorena) Stewart, and Anne (Samuel) Soliman, all of Colorado; five great-grandchildren, Alexandra Gallo of Roann, Indiana, Nicholas Gallo, Andree Salazar-Velazquez, Lorena Stewart, Geneva Stewart, and Matthew Soliman, all of Colorado.

He is also survived by Peggy’s children, William “Wes” (Linda) Frank of



Amboy, Indiana, Timothy (Karen) Frank of Monticello, Indiana, Sue (Jack Hertz) Frank of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Dr. Dawn (David Schneider) Frank of Delphi, Indiana, and her grandsons, Adam and Anthony.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Larry Eugene, both sons-in-law, and six sisters.

Funeral services will be at 3:00 pm, Thursday, May 5, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Ted Batson officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery, Peoria, Indiana. Friends may call 12-3 pm Thursday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Woodlawn United Methodist Church.

The memorial guest book for Gene may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Fred H. Taylor

Fred H. Taylor, of LaFontaine, passed away on April 30, 2022.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on May 6, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, La-

Fontaine, Indiana 46940.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on May 5, 2022, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

### Peter R. Shepherd

Peter R. Shepherd, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on May 1, 2022. Per Peter’s wishes there will be no services. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## Depp trial: Psychologist testifies actor assaulted Heard

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT**  
Associated Press

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Actor Amber Heard suffered post-traumatic stress disorder from violence she suffered at the hands of her ex-husband Johnny Depp, including multiple acts of sexual assault, a psychologist testified Tuesday.

The sexual assaults included being forced to perform oral sex and having Depp penetrate her with a liquor bottle, the psychologist, Dawn Hughes, told jurors at Depp’s libel trial against Heard. He accuses her of falsely claiming in a newspaper op-ed piece that she was a victim of domestic violence.

Hughes’ testimony contradicts that of a psychologist hired by Depp’s lawyers, who said Heard was faking her symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and suffered from borderline and histrionic personality disorders. Hughes disputed that Heard suffers from any personality disorder.

Hughes was the first witness to take the stand on Heard’s behalf after Depp’s lawyers rested their case Tuesday morning.

Hughes said there is corroboration of many of the instances of abuse, including apologies and admissions made by Depp to Heard and admissions he made to friends in text messages about his bad behavior when he drinks. In some cases, Heard told her therapists about the abuse contemporaneously, Hughes said.

Depp has said he never physically attacked Heard, and that she was the aggressor who routinely hit him and threw things at him through the course of their relationship.

Hughes, in her testimony, said Heard acknowledged that she did at times push and shove Depp, call him names and insult his parenting.

But Hughes said there’s a difference in the violence when a smaller person strikes at a larger person, and that Depp’s violence was intimidating and threatened her safety, but Heard’s violence did not have the same effect on Depp.

“That’s just physics; that’s just proportional force,” she said.

Much of the violence, Hughes said, stemmed from

Depp’s obsessive jealousy. He insisted she avoid nude scenes, if she worked at all, and accused her of affairs with actors Billy Bob Thornton and James Franco. If she did work on a film, Depp would call the director and others on set and say he “had eyes” there who would report to him if she fraternized improperly, Hughes said.

And Heard, who identifies as bisexual according to treatment notes introduced at trial, also faced scrutiny in her interactions with women. Hughes said Depp on one occasion manually penetrated Heard in anger after witnessing Heard’s interactions with a woman.

“Amber got accused of women hitting her, and she got accused of men hitting on her,” Hughes said.

Heard blinked back tears, and her lips and chin quivered at times as Hughes described the abuse.

Hughes said she based her testimony on 29 hours of interviews with Heard, as well as interviews with her therapists and a review of court documents.

Earlier Tuesday, Depp’s lawyers rested their case, and a

judge rejected a motion from Heard’s lawyers to dismiss the case. Heard’s lawyers argued that Depp had failed to make his case as a matter of law and that no reasonable jury could find in his favor.

But the judge, Penney Azcarate, said the standard for dismissing a case at this point in the trial is exceedingly high, and that the case should be allowed to move forward if Depp has provided even a “scintilla” of evidence backing up his claims.

Depp and his lead lawyer, Benjamin Chew, patted each other on the back after the judge ruled the case can proceed.

Chew argued that the jury has a wealth of evidence to conclude that Heard falsely accused Depp of abuse. In fact, he said, the evidence shows that “Ms. Heard physically abused him. She’s the abuser.”

Heard’s lawyer, J. Benjamin Rottenborn, said the evidence is clear over the last three weeks of testimony that Heard’s allegations of abuse are truthful.

“We haven’t gotten to put on our case yet,” he said. “This

is all evidence that has come in while plaintiff controls the playing field.”

Depp is suing Heard for \$50 million in Fairfax County Circuit Court after Heard wrote a December 2018 op-ed piece in The Washington Post describing herself as “a public

figure representing domestic abuse.” The article never mentions Depp by name, but Depp’s lawyers say he was defamed nevertheless because it’s a clear reference to abuse allegations Heard levied in 2016, in the midst of the couple’s divorce proceedings.



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## Wabash varsity baseball shuts out Northfield behind Dillon's arm

The Norse continued to struggle as their record moved to 2-7

By CLAY MAXFIELD  
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

It was all Apaches on Wednesday, April 27 when Wabash's varsity baseball team shut out Northfield, 4-0, and stayed undefeated in Three Rivers Conference play. Northfield continued to struggle as their record moved to 2-7 with a sixth-place standing in the conference.

Jack Holley, head coach of the Apaches, noted that while his team's batting wasn't up to par with what he has seen this season, he still was pleased with Wabash's ability to clinch a win.

"A wins a win, we'll take it," Holley said. "We were a little impatient at the plate tonight. I've been seeing kids that throw just a little bit harder so it was good to see this today, let our kids figure out how we need to work on our approach at the plate a little bit."

Justin Booth, of Wabash, got the Apaches on the board for the first time on Wednesday when he drove a fly ball to center field for a one-run lead before a grounder by Trevor Daughtry to left field put two more runs on the board in the third inning.

Daughtry led with one hit and two runs batted in (RBI) while Booth and Keaton Fields notched a hit and RBI each for the Apaches.

Andrew Dillon stood out as the main cog in the Apaches' success on Wednesday when he threw 11 pitches in seven innings while giving up only three hits in the win.

For the Norse and head coach Tory Shafer, their pitching was where it needed to be but their approach on offense left much to be desired.

"Our pitching was good, it kept us in the game. Our offensive approach was not good at all. We gotta make adjustments and we didn't make adjustments the whole game," he said.

While adding that as a team, Northfield must look to utilize their bats to generate offense in the future.

"We gotta look to go opposite, let the ball travel a little bit and take the ball opposite side of the field. Moving runners, shorten our swings up a little bit which we didn't do that today."

Wabash's final score of the game came in the bottom of the fifth inning when Keaton Fields singled on a grounder to center field and solidified the Apaches' four-run victory.

As a team, Northfield registered just three hits while Jaden Truman struck out four batters in six innings.

While Wabash has nearly a month remaining of their regular season, Holley is impressed by his pitching unit that has grown to include Justin Booth, Trevor Daughtry and Colten Learned aside from their number one and

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Northfield's Emily Pennington and Emma Warnock celebrate.

Photos by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

## Northfield softball hammers Wabash in Wednesday's slugfest

The Norse used 10 runs in the fifth inning en route to dominating county rival

By CLAY MAXFIELD  
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

A barrage of hits led the way for Northfield's varsity softball team on the evening of Wednesday, April 27 after the Norse used 10 runs in the fifth inning en route to dominating county rival Wabash in a 17-0 Three Rivers Conference beatdown.

Northfield rode the momentum of their win over Wabash a day later when they defeated Marion 16-13 but their game over the Apaches was a culmination of work throughout the season said head coach Kyle France.

"We finally pieced everything together, kind of a rocky start to the season where we played some really tough opponents," France said. "It all showed up and everybody played together. Had no errors, big bats. ... Everything just really came together and

we were able to stack the runs, play solid defense and have no errors."

Coming into the game, Northfield had dropped five of their last six match-ups.

Emily Pennington got Northfield on the board for the first time in the top of the first inning after a fly ball to center field drove in two runs. Jaycie Krom tied up the opening inning with a single off of a grounder to center for a 3-0 Norse lead.

Pennington led Northfield with three hits, six runs batted in (RBI) and one home run that came in the third inning. Offensively, Northfield has shown flashes of being able to make contact on the ball but for France and his coaching staff, it was a matter of piecing it all together for in-game results.

"It is something we've come accustomed to in practice. The girls in practice hit so well and we were actually trying to get it to translate into a game because it showed up in spurts. ... We were doing the hits throughout the season we just weren't stringing them together and having them in

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Freshman Lataya Judy served as a bright spot for the Apaches, as she struck out seven batters in five innings pitched.

## WABASH VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS DEFEATED BY ROCHESTER 3-2



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

The Apaches' Anne Cole charges the net Thursday as host Wabash faced Rochester at Honeywell Courts on the afternoon of Thursday, April 28. Wabash put up a fight with Cole winning in no. 1 singles joined by a victory in no. 2 doubles. But Rochester fought back taking honors in no. 2 and no. 3 singles along with winning no. 1 doubles to give the Zebras a 3-2 team victory.

## GWC WACCY Golf Outing tees off Wednesday, June 8

A morning flight will be added if at least six teams request a 7:30 a.m. start by May 12

### STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County (GWC) has announced that registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's annual WACCY Golf Outing scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 at the Honeywell Golf Course, 3360 Niccum Road, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

"The Wabash County business community is invited to join us at the Honeywell course for a day of golf, networking and friendly competition," said Boulrisse. "As is tradition, this year's WACCY Golf Outing will be more than just a golf outing. In addition to each team vying to take the WACCY Championship Belt away from the 2021 winners Wings, Etc., there will be challenges scattered across the course to test each team's skills like Longest Drive, Longest

Putt and Closest to the pin. Also back this year, by popular demand, will be the Golf Ball Cannon to give each player's game an extra boost. The Putting Green Contest will also return as well as the ever-popular game boosters such as Mulligans, Pick-A-Putts and Bad Player Insurance."

Registration is \$360 per four-person team, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to a catered lunch from Miller's Merry Manor and the chance to win a whole assortment of games and prizes. This year's outing will offer an afternoon, 1 p.m. start, flight. There will be a limit of 21 teams, given to teams on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A morning flight will be added if at least six teams request a 7:30 a.m. start time by Thursday, May 12.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each of these categories: Longest Drive for both Men and Women; Longest Putt; Closest to the Pin; and prizes for first, second, third and last-place teams.

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# Manchester alum Josh Hardman hired as head wrestling coach

He spent the past five seasons at perennial NCAA Division III power Wabash College

By **DILLON BENDER**

Manchester University Athletics has named Josh Hardman as its next head wrestling coach.

A Manchester alum, Hardman returns to his alma mater after spending the past five seasons at perennial NCAA Division III power Wabash College located in Crawfordsville. Hardman spent two years as an assistant coach before being elevated

to associate head coach in 2019.

During his time with the Little Giants' program, Hardman helped develop one NCAA Division III National Champion, two National Runner-Ups, 15 All-Americans, 16 NWCA Scholar All-Americans and the Elite 90 Champion in 2022. The Wabash program has garnered four Top 10 national placements in the past five seasons, including a runner-up finish in 2022. Additionally, Wabash earned three Top 15 NWCA Scholar Team rankings while Hardman was with the program.



**HARDMAN**

Before his stint at Wabash, Hardman also served as an assistant coach at NAIA Morningside College in Iowa. Hardman coached six national qualifiers and two All-Americans while with the Mustangs.

Other coaching stops for Hardman include coaching two seasons at NCAA Division I South Dakota State University after serving for four seasons as the head wrestling coach at NAIA Dakota Wesleyan University. He also served as director of the sports management program at Dakota Wesleyan where he taught several different courses in addition to serving on the faculty development committee. Both stops saw Hardman's programs produce

a combined 34 national qualifiers, eight All-Americans and 14 NWCA Scholar All-Americans. A 2000 graduate of Manchester, Hardman was a three-sport athlete during his time as a Spartan, competing in football, wrestling, and track and field. He was a three-time NCAA qualifier and a two-time All-American in wrestling and earned all-conference honors in football. He graduated with a bachelor's degree of science as a K-12 physical education major and earned a master's degree in sports pedagogy from South Dakota State in 2004. Josh and his wife Sheri, have two daughters.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*



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## Spartan women's track team pulls away late

Manchester claims HCAC Outdoor Title, completes 2022 sweep

By **DILLON BENDER**

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The Spartans pulled away late in a hotly contested weekend. Manchester won the two-day event with 180 team points, narrowly edging host Hanover College who ended with 177 team points. Rose-Hulman placed third with 158 team points.

Fifth-year Elizabeth Lohman, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, repeated as the HCAC Women's Distance Athlete of the Year. Lohman was also named the HCAC Women's Distance Athlete of the Year at the 2022 HCAC Indoor championships back in February.

Carley Camp had a weekend for the history books. The first-year won the women's hammer throw on Friday evening with a leading mark of 47.59m (156' 2"). Her distance was a new PR and moved her to fourth on the all-time MU Top 10 listings. Even more impressively, Camp set a new school record in the shot put. Camp's mark of 13.55m (44' 5 1/2") crushed her previous career mark and landed her on the podium in second place. Camp would also pick up a third-place finish in the discus throw. Camp registered a distance of 36.93m (121' 2") in the event.

Elizabeth Lohman again dominated the mid-distance events for Manchester this weekend. Lohman took home first place in the 3000m steeplechase after winning the race with a top time of 12:43.14. Lohman would also win the 1500m with a time of 4:57.74. She rounded out her title hunt with a win in the 800m following a time of 2:25.72. Lohman concluded her weekend with a run-

ner-up finish in the 5000m (18:52.41).

Brooke Bouwens, from Clarksville, Michigan, and Lakewood High School, earned a runner-up finish in the 100m hurdles on Saturday afternoon. Bouwens turned in a time of 18.10. Bouwens also established a new Top 10 time in the 400m. Her time of 1:00.14 was second all-time at Manchester. Bowens rounded out her weekend with a runner-up placement in the 400m hurdles after crossing the finish line at 1:10.46.

Adelle Stanko, from Okeanos, Michigan, earned a pair of podium placements on Saturday in the high and triple jumps. Stanko placed second in the high jump as she cleared 1.47m (4' 9 3/4"). She would also place third in the triple jump following a mark of 10.48m (34' 4 3/4").

Fiona Frost, from Indianapolis and Lawrence Central High School, placed third in the 3000m steeplechase on Friday evening after crossing the finish line with a time of 12:59.96.

Hannah Brubaker, from Goshen and NorthWood High School, placed third in the 10,000m at the end of the day on Friday. Brubaker posted a time of 40:31.41.

On Saturday, Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, landed on the podium in third place in the 1500m. Smith posted a time of 4:59.19.

To conclude the two-day meet, the 4x400 meter relay team of Bouwens, Morgan Chupp, Smith, and Stanko placed third with a combined time of 4:15.82.

In the 400m prelims on Friday, Brandi Smith clocked a time of 1:01.58 – good enough to sneak in at no. 10 on the all-time MU Top 10 listings.

Erica Mohr, from Payne, Ohio, and Wayne Trace High School, turned in a mark of 42.91m (140' 9") in the hammer throw on Friday evening. Her distance placed her 8th on the all-time MU Top 10 listings.

Athletes who claim HCAC titles also earn First Team All-HCAC recognition. Athletes who place second in an event garner Second Team All-HCAC honors, while athletes who land on the podium in third place take home Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

# Manchester University men's track and field claims HCAC Outdoor Title

Spartans claim sweep of indoor and outdoor titles for first time in school history

By **DILLON BENDER**

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Manchester ran away with the outdoor team title, earning 172 team points. Rose-Hulman placed a distant second with 147 team points while Transylvania rounded out the top three with 104 team points.

Junior Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, continued his record-setting season as he was named the HCAC Men's Distance Athlete of the Year. Salazar was also named the HCAC Men's Distance Athlete of the Year in February at the HCAC Indoor championships. Salazar won three individual titles and led an overall team effort by the Spartans this weekend.

Head coach Brian Cashdollar was named the HCAC Coach of the Year on the men's side for this weekend's stellar performances by the Spartans.

Enrique Salazar walked away with three titles from this weekend's championships. On Friday evening, Salazar broke the HCAC



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meet record – a record which had stood since 1999 – in the 10,000m after posting a time of 31:32.71. He would go on to add titles in the 1500m (4:02.14), the 5000m (15:17.95) and a runner-up finish in the 800m (1:57.45).

Thomas Richardson, from Ladoga and Southmont High School, brought home an HCAC title on Friday in the 3000m steeplechase. Richardson led this year's field with a leading time of 9:59.58.

The 4x100 meter relay team of Gabe Melvin, Tristen Bronaugh, Duriel Moss Jr. and Quentin Willis sprinted into the record books on Saturday. The quartet established a new Manchester University record en route to an HCAC title after posting a combined time of 42.07.

In the field events, Ben Villafuerte, from Angola, shattered his previous career mark in the shot put en route to an HCAC title. Villafuerte registered a final mark of 15.61m (51' 2 3/4") on Friday evening – good enough for second all-time in the Manchester record

books.

Joe Garling, from Cedar Lake and Hanover Central High School, added an HCAC title in the hammer throw on Saturday. Garling's mark of 51.06m (167' 6") was a new PR and still ranks as second all-time at Manchester.

Quentin Willis, from Athens, Georgia, and Oglethorpe High School, earned a runner-up finish in the 110m hurdles on Saturday afternoon. Willis crossed the finish line at 15.70.

Gabe Hendricks, from Fort Wayne and Bishop Luers High School, placed third in the shot put on Friday evening after a final mark of 14.89m (48' 10 1/4"). His mark was good enough for seventh on the all-time MU Top 10 listings.

Timothy Macomber, from Angola, placed third in the discus on Friday evening. Macomber turned in a mark of 44.36m (145' 6"). He broke in the all-time MU Top 10 listings at No. 10.

In the men's javelin throw on Saturday, Joseph Powell, from Beach Park, Illinois,

Zion Benton High School, earned a spot on the podium in third place following a final mark of 43.84m.

Duriel Moss Jr., from Homestead, Florida, and Christopher Columbus High School, placed third in the 100m dash. His time of 10.98 was a new PR and vaulted him up to 5th on the all-time MU Top 10 listings. Moss also moved up to fourth all-time in the 200m after sprinting to a time of 22.02 on Friday in the prelims.

Tristen Bronaugh, from Crawfordsville, posted a time of 50.13 in the 400m on Saturday – good enough for 7th all-time at Manchester.

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# August Elliott, of Wabash, to compete in national esports cup with Manchester

'Super Smash Bros. Ultimate' team invited nationals this weekend in Atlanta, Georgia

By **ANNE GREGORY**

The Great Lakes champion Manchester University Esports "Smash" team is taking its talents to Atlanta, Georgia, to compete in the Collegiate Esports Commissioners Cup.

Key players from the Spartans' "Super Smash Brothers Ultimate" team will battle 16 of the best programs from across the country in person

Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8.



**ELLIOTT**

Collegiate Esports Commissioner's Cup, in partnership with the NBA's Atlanta Hawks, the NBA G League's College Park Skyhawks, Atlanta Esports Alliance and Skillshot Media, will take place at the iconic Gateway Center Arena.

The largest collegiate esports live event ever, it will offer also intense competition across "Overwatch Rocket League," "NBA 2K" and "Valorant." Coverage of the

event will be broadcast on ESPORTSU's Twitch channel and linear esports channel ESTV.

For the third time in a row, Manchester University Esports Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team brought home the Great Lakes Esports Conference (@GLEC\_GG) championship this spring.

"This tournament is like a 'tournament of champions' from all the other Smash conferences in the country. We got invited by winning GLEC," said Garrett "toweroftoast" Schieferstein, director of esports at Manchester.

Because of the high cost of travel, he said, Manchester could send only four players:

August Elliott, of Wabash; Collin Eastman, of Kewanee, Illinois; James Walsh, of Peru; and Savion Hunter, of Phenix City, Alabama.

Follow Manchester Esports on Twitter at @MU\_esport. To learn more about the program, contact esports@manchester.edu.

Scholarships at are available at Manchester for "League of Legends," "Rocket League," "Super Smash Bros.," "Fortnite," "Overwatch" and "Valorant." See more at [www.manchester.edu/student-life/esports-home](http://www.manchester.edu/student-life/esports-home)

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## SOFTBALL

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the needed times to score the runs," he said.

In the opposing dugout, Wabash notched seven hits in the game but left runners on base throughout the game.

Freshman Lataya Judy served as a bright spot for

the Apaches, however, as she struck out seven batters in five innings pitched.

Ceyonna Hubbard tallied two hits in Wabash's loss.

Emma Warnock took the win from the pitcher's mound for Northfield.

Back-to-back singles followed by back-to-back doubles later in the inning propelled Northfield to 10 runs in the final inning of play as

Ainsley Dale, Jaycie Krom, Ava Copeland and Kirsten Rife all had key hits to spur the Norse in their shutout win.

Northfield traveled to Southwood on Friday, April 29, followed by a home bout on Monday, May 2 against North Miami in a Three Rivers Conference showdown.

The Norse currently sits in fifth place with a record of

1-1 in the TRC while Wabash continues to search for their first conference victory.

Wabash hosted a double-header on Saturday, April 30 against Oak Hill at home followed by a conference test on the road at Rochester on Monday, May 2.

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two arms.

"I think it's the number of arms I have," Holley said. "Chayden Beeks and Andrew Dillon are our one and two. They really come out and throw strikes. ... It's nice to have five or six arms to count on if they get in trouble but both Beeks and Dillon work deep in games so we're pretty blessed with that."

Wabash hosted Manchester on Monday, May 2, while Northfield traveled to Rochester on Monday, May 2 and will host Caston on Thursday, May 5.



Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

Northfield's Jaden Truman struck out four batters in six innings.

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once again be sponsoring the Hole-In-One contest, which will include opportunities to win cash prizes for landing holes in one.

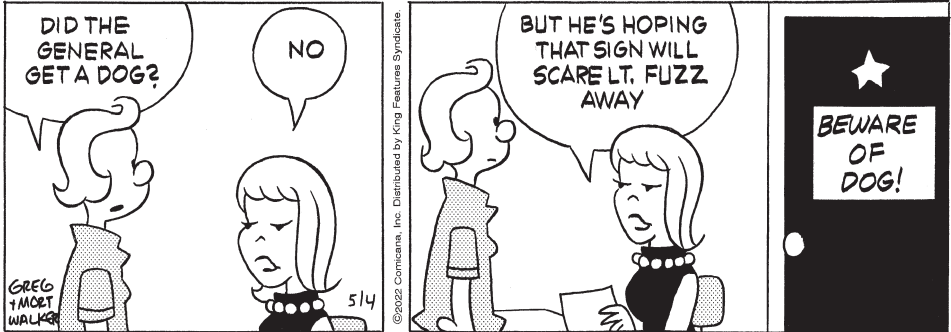
There are also many sponsorship opportunities for businesses to register for to get in on the fun, including becoming a Hole Sponsor (\$125) which allows the sponsor to set up a hole on

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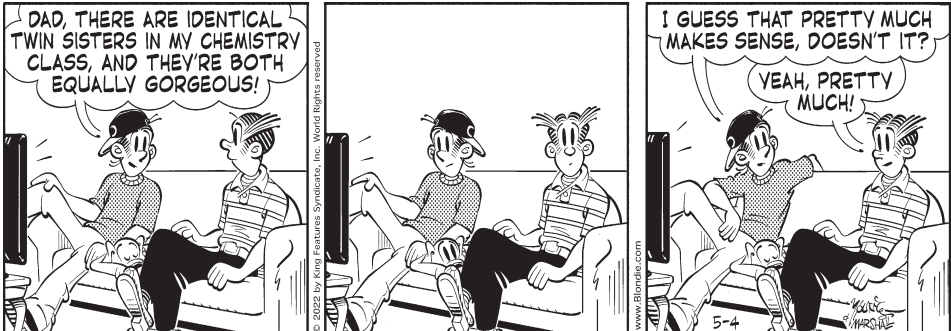
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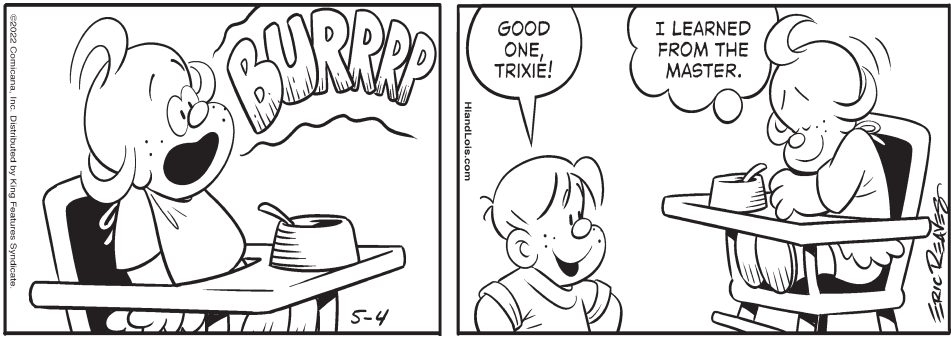
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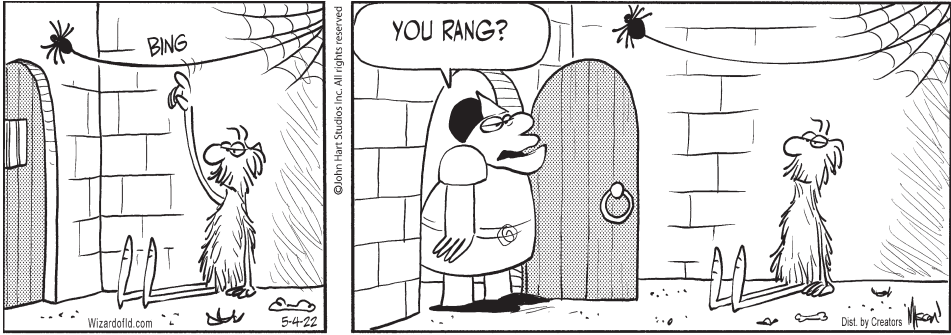
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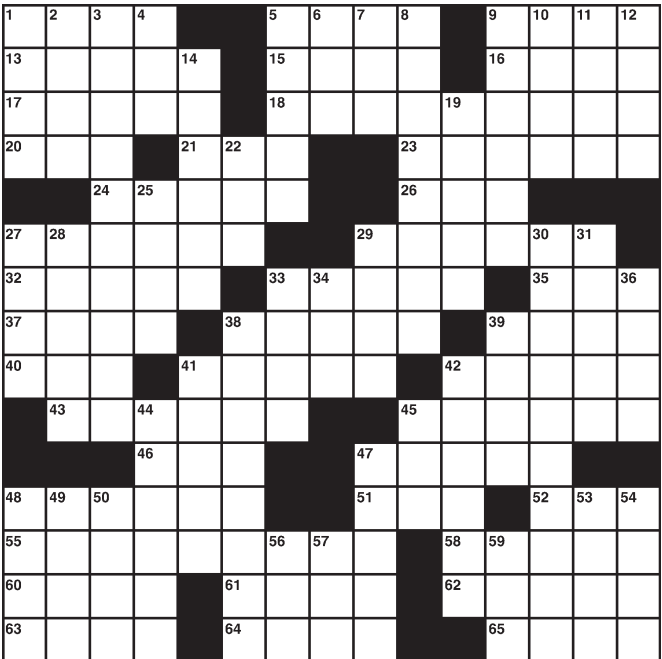
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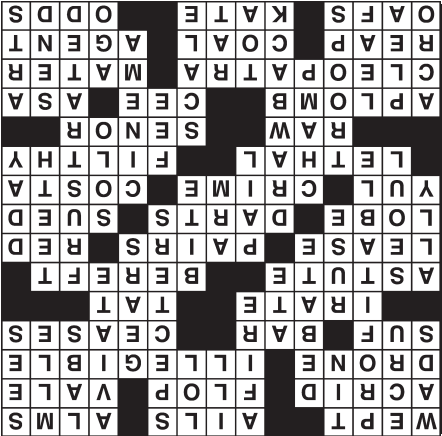
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30 Thwarted & discouraged  
31 Dentures  
33 11th word in "Jack and Jill"  
34 Phonograph part  
36 June 6, 1944  
38 Fly in the ointment  
39 Han \_\_\_\_; "Star Wars" character  
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Today's Puzzle Solved



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Dear Amy: "Allie" and I became friends when our children were young. We celebrated holidays, vacationed together, and shared in our joys and troubles.

Allie is ambitious, friendly, and very extroverted, while I am quiet and introverted. She has a larger circle of friends, most of whom I have also known for years.

When she went through some painful years of family estrangement, mine was her surrogate family for holidays. When she needed babysitting help, I kept her kids.

For several years, we

invited (and paid for) her family to join us on vacation. She was happy to join, but played on her phone and constantly texted friends at home, making plans for when she returned.

Last year, she asked my husband and son to mow her lawn when she was ill, which they were happy to do.

I have been left out of friend trips, parties, and

other events (where I knew everyone attending); I listened later while she related how much fun they'd had.

I felt hurt and upset plenty of times, but I never realized how one-sided this

friendship seemed until recently.

I think I'm ready to move on, but why am I harboring such animosity? — A Friend

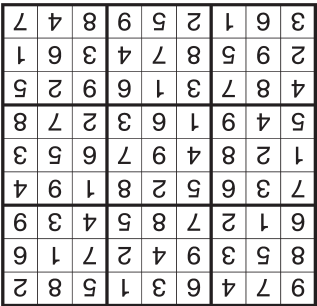
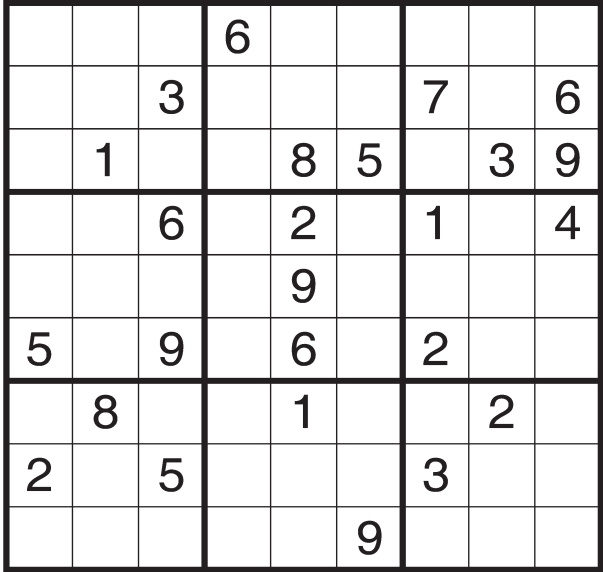
Dear Friend: Friendships formed between parents when their kids are young are especially intense, but after the kids grow up and out, you recognize that your parenting brought you together, but your kids were the glue.

You feel animosity toward "Allie" because in retrospect you realize that she has not been a good friend to you.

You fulfilled some of her social and physical needs; she occasionally reciprocated. That's what friends do, but that's not what friends are.

Now that the season for this friendship has passed, you should move on.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

— Never rest when you are on a roll. There are plenty of activities to occupy your thoughts and energies right now. Make the most of boosted energies by working overtime, clearing paperwork or tackling household chores.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

— Your plans may be blocked if you rock the boat. Someone close may prefer things as they are, so ask how a partner or loved one feels before making sweeping changes. You may thirst for more independence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

— Flights of fancy may interfere with achieving your ambitions. Rather than letting daydreams interrupt your routines, you should just get on with your tasks. Never blame someone else; instead, be accountable and learn.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

— Update your resume and pump up your public image. It is time to remind people of your fine skills and talents to offset any few missteps along the way. Friends or a romantic partner should support you through good times and bad.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

— You may receive unexpected publicity or feel the urge to rebel against peer pressure. You may take pride in having an open mind and insist on thinking for yourself. Discuss emerging issues with family members.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

— Your energy levels are high, so it is probably easier than usual to get things done. Quick thinking can make your work a breeze so you should have more time for romantic moments or some home chores. Enjoy inspiring movies and books.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

— You might depend upon trusted friends and loyal family members to speak up on your behalf. Do not pass up an invitation for an outing, lunch or a cup of coffee. This could be a good time to touch base with old friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

— Don't force yourself to make a decision. Some issues may remain in the air so it could be a good thing to delay your final answer. Conditions might change, but you can adapt by adopting new and loftier objectives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21) — Pay to play. It might be necessary to spend some money to participate in local politics or group activities. You may be thinking of donating time or money to a good cause because it is the right thing to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

— A romantic feeling may sneak up on you. You may have warded off unwanted amorous advances in the past but now could be eager to see where your heart may go. Wait for personal Cinderella cycles, then try a new meet-up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

— You may be attracted to people who are in the public eye because it can seem like you know them. Be wary of putting anyone up on a pedestal due to unrealistic expectations — **they will always fall down in the long run.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

— You might focus on what you hope is possible rather than what is probable. Read the fine print before you get carried away and sign on the dotted line. You may be swept along by a romantic fantasy or wishful thinking.



# Opinion

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And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

# Electoral College reform is the least Congress owes America

The mood was tense on the floor of the U.S. Senate on that dreary January day. Grave expressions on the faces of lawmakers deeply divided along partisan lines reflected the uncertainty of the moment. The gallery above them was standing-room-only. Generals looked on, as did House members, ambassadors from abroad and a former president. It was more than two months beyond the presidential election, three weeks into the new year, and the United States still could not declare a presidential victor.

As the New York Times reported, a senator from Indiana spoke for nearly an hour, reminding his fellow lawmakers "that there was great uneasiness in the public mind to have the presidential election settled." The newspaper added, "Other senators went further than this, and believed that the country was threatened with violence and disorder if a settlement was not speedily had."

The not-so-speedy settlement eventually declared Republican Rutherford B. Hayes the winner over his Democratic opponent, Samuel J. Tilden, even though Hayes had lost the popular vote. This, the nation's second Electoral College debacle, had tied the nation in knots exactly a century after its founding. (The first had occurred in 1800, when Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr tied with 73 electoral votes each, throwing the race to the U.S. House of Representatives, which chose Jefferson.)

Determined to avoid a third such debacle, lawmakers approved the Electoral Count Act of 1887. Seeking to clarify constitutional requirements for counting electoral votes and trying to codify dealing with states that submitted competing slates of electors, Congress basically made a mess of it.

One hundred thirty-three years later, a rogue president running for reelection sought to use the ambiguities baked into the act to stay in office. Despite losing both the popular vote and the electoral count, President Trump and his followers relied on spurious interpretations of the Electoral Count Act to thwart the will of the people. On Jan. 6, 2021, they came close to succeeding.

In response to Trump's dangerous scheming, a bipartisan group of lawmakers has taken up the challenge their predecessors flubbed long ago. Led by Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, they're working to clarify once and for all procedures for how the Electoral College vote should be counted and how challenges to the vote should be handled.

Although bipartisan agreement on anything in this Congress is never assured, big names have voiced their

support. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said the Electoral College Act "obviously has some flaws. And it's worth, I think, discussing." Senate Rules Committee Chair Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Senate Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois are involved in drafting legislation.

Minority Whip Jim Thune, R-N.D., said some GOP senators are open to narrowing the grounds on which Congress or the vice president can change the election results submitted by states. Currently it takes just one member of the Senate and House to raise an objection to electoral votes, something the reforms are likely to seek to change. In addition, a bipartisan group of attorneys convened by the American Law Institute has suggested such challenges be limited to specific "constitutional requirements" such as qualification for electors and the deadlines by which they have to vote.

In regard to the vice president's role in the procedure, the hangman's noose that insurrectionists prepared for Vice President Mike Pence would be forever unknotted, so to speak. The VP's part would be clearly and explicitly ceremonial (sort of like Hollywood celebrities opening the envelope to announce an Oscar winner).

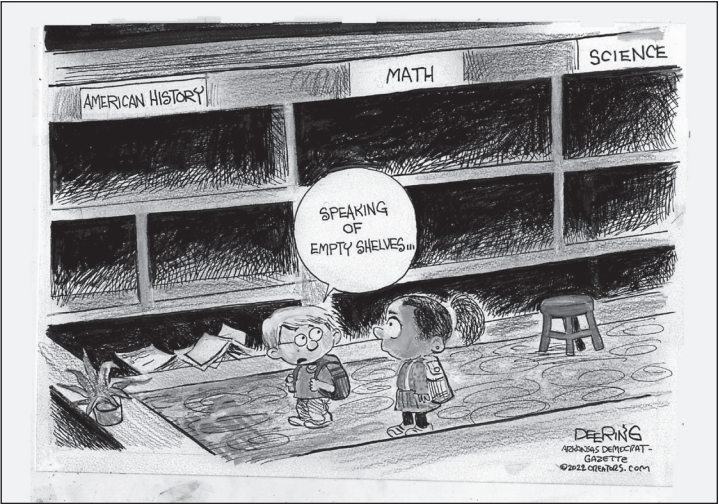
The lawyers' group is also urging Congress to clarify that the slate of electors sent by any state must reflect the results of the election, and that state legislatures may not intervene after an election and change the results.

These reforms are the least that Americans are owed by the current Congress. Just a year ago, Democrats were hoping to pass comprehensive voting reform legislation, including proposals to safeguard voting access, eliminate gerrymandering and protect the security of the vote. When two of their own — Sens. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Manchin — added their weight to a unanimous Republican caucus, the voting-reform vessel foundered.

Electoral Count reform doesn't take away the sting of that defeat, or lessen the need for broader voting reforms. But it is, as The Atlantic put it recently, "the bad deal Democrats should take." It very well may be needed to prevent a replay of 2020.

With the twice-impeached former president the overwhelming GOP front-runner if he decides to seek reelection in 2024, "great uneasiness in the public mind" already prevails. Reforming the Electoral Count Reform Act won't thwart every election scheme Trump and his followers might concoct if he were to lose, but at least it's a start.

*This editorial was first published in the Houston Chronicle.*



# Think local and act globally on climate change

By JAMES MCCLINTOCK

Climate change is no longer chiding in plain sight. Increasingly, we see its local impacts — the ones we live with day in and day out. For instance, while driving to work recently I exited the highway and was shocked to find that the guardrail-less gulley along the exit road had grown to a jaw-dropping four-foot depth. A split-second driver error could result in a dangerous plunge. Paradoxically, the exit ramp led to one of the wealthiest cities in the Southeastern United States.

Torrential rains, super-charged by human-induced climate change driven by our dependence on fossil fuels are attacking the critical infrastructure of American cities. Here in the Southeast, we live with increasing frequency of life-threatening flooding — like the flooded street that sixty-year-old Joseva Speed encountered on March 16 under a Birmingham, Alabama, highway overpass. The drainage capacity of the low-lying underpass was no match for four inches of rain. The waters swept Joseva away while he was trying to open the door of a family member's flooding car. He lost his life right in front of a 409-bed, acute-care hospital.

Here in the Southeastern United States, flash flooding is but one of the clues as to what the future holds if we do not address the agents of climate change. Without additional action, rising seas will continue to gnaw away at our shores, and hurricanes and tornado-infested storm fronts will grow more potent. Beyond the derailling impacts on the earth's essential ecosystems, more extreme heat days, insect-borne diseases and allergens will threaten human health. Reacting to this no

longer theoretical health threat, research centers such as the Center for Climate Change and Health, sponsored by the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health, are cropping up internationally.

Despite the deep challenges of global climate change, hope is increasing for a sustainable future evidenced by the actions of individuals, governments and corporations. Buying into the mindset of apocalyptic inaction is counterproductive. Action on climate change over the past decade has been especially promising. More than one hundred countries have lowered their carbon footprints by developing cheaper-than-fossil fuel wind and solar renewable energies. Smaller, more affordable nuclear power plants have sprung up. Energy-conserving construction practices and energy-efficient modes of public transportation have risen. There has been an explosion in the production of electric vehicles offering the public powerful, low-maintenance cars and trucks immune to the rising prices of gasoline.

Take a minute and step outside. Inhale deeply and enjoy the smells of spring grasses and flowers. Listen to the birdsong and the distant chatter of children playing. We can all make a difference. Do it for them.

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# Lilly CEO speaks to Indiana's future

David Ricks, CEO of Lilly, recently told members of the Indiana Economic Club that state policymakers need to address poor educational attainment and high healthcare costs. These topics will

Michael  
Hicks



sound familiar to faithful readers of this column, but it is refreshing to hear these points made so publicly by a business leader. In a future column I'll detail comprehensive policy options for reducing healthcare costs. As difficult as it will be to remedy this important issue, it is easy compared to our educational challenges. To fix our low levels of educational attainment, Indiana must better educate a higher share of its young adults and make more communities into places they'd like to live. This may sound easy, but any progress here requires that almost everyone set aside some long-held, mistaken opinions. The two most misunderstood issues are about what ails education and how taxes factor in to the location decisions of people and businesses.

Indiana's comprehensive school reforms are not the problem. In fact, the success of broad school choice masked other problems. The evidence from several high-quality studies makes clear that school choice mostly benefitted students in local public schools. That should be unsurprising because the largest share of students who take advantage of school choice in Indiana move to another local public school, not to a charter or private school.

At the same time, a number of policy decisions other than school choice have reversed the state's pathway to a better-educated workforce. Indiana's 'go to college' rate peaked right at the moment the state began

de-emphasizing college to both middle and high school students. That wasn't an accident.

Gov. Mitch Daniels' aspirational vision for educational attainment was replaced by a career focus that at its extremes saw sixth graders being pushed into truck driving careers. Those decisions were uninformed by any understanding of labor markets, disproportionately hurt children from poor families and constituted raw negligence at best, but it wasn't the only problem.

While we began de-emphasizing college preparation, we also cut funding for K-12 and colleges. Had Indiana kept our education spending at the same level of state Gross Domestic Product that we did in 2010, we'd be spending close to \$1.5 billion more today. In inflation-adjusted terms, we spent 17.5 percent less per student in the 2019-2020 school year than in the 2009-2010 school year. Despite the nominal budget increase last year, the inflation-adjusted cuts will likely exceed 20 percent less by the end of next year.

The reductions to higher education funding were even deeper. As a result of the de-emphasis of college and funding cuts, the 'go to college' rate of Hoosier kids plummeted from 65 percent in 2015 to 59 percent in 2019. COVID made the situation worse. By my count, that's roughly 40,000 'missing' college graduates in Indiana. To put in context, Indiana created 64,000 jobs for college graduates between 2010 and 2019. That was dismal.

In contrast, from 2009 to 2019, the nation as a whole created 14.1 million jobs for college graduates. Had we been growing at the national average, Indiana would've captured almost 275,000 jobs for college graduates during the long recovery of 2009 to 2019. As a matter of policy, Indiana has chosen not to supply the college graduates that

the modern economy requires. That I believe, is the point of Mr. Ricks' comments.

To be clear, not every person needs a college degree. However, 100 percent of the job growth over the past 30 years went to people who have been to college, and 81 percent of that growth went to those who graduated with a four-year degree. Individual people can make ends meet in many occupations that do not require a four-year degree, but there will be fewer jobs for them in the decades to come. Thus, cities and states cannot thrive without a high (and growing) share of college graduates. Indiana has chosen not to compete in that realm, and no amount of speechifying about 'talent attraction' can overcome that blunt fact.

The debate about school funding and aspirational education must take center stage in Indiana. This debate will involve many domains, most especially taxes. Among policymakers in Indiana, it is a widely held belief that tax rates are important influences on the location of firms and families. I'm sympathetic to that view and even shared it when I was a young economist. The problem with that opinion is that there's very little evidence that it is true.

I have seen no credible study published in the past 40 years that finds state or local tax rates playing more than a very modest role in firm or family location decisions. Instead of reviewing that research, let me simply compare manufacturing between a low-tax and high-tax state — Indiana and California.

Hoosier policymakers like to tout Indiana's low taxes and large manufacturing industry. California taxes its manufacturing firms at almost exactly a 50 percent higher rate than does Indiana, but California's manufacturing industry is today four times bigger than Indiana's, and it has grown 75 percent faster

than Indiana's over the 21st century. Here's the real rub. Between 2000 and 2019, California raised taxes on manufacturing by almost one full percentage point, while Indiana cut taxes for manufacturing.

More telling perhaps is that the average Hoosier factory worker produces \$219,100 per year in goods, while the average California factory worker produces \$337,900 per year. That is a stunning productivity difference. The reason California's factories are so much more productive is because they employ a 51 percent higher share of college graduates than do Indiana factories.

There's no way to sugarcoat it — Indiana's low educational attainment leave us unprepared for the start of the 21st century. Since 2000, and more importantly since the end of the Great Recession, Indiana's economy has underperformed in every important measure when compared to the nation. We are well behind in productivity, educational attainment, population growth, and personal income. Sadly, we are getting relatively worse in all these categories.

Indiana's strategy of cutting taxes may have been desirable in 1975, but the needs of families and businesses have changed in the past 50 years. Today, the type of employers Indiana desperately needs are choosing places with dense numbers of college graduates and a strong pipeline of educated workers. In turn, those desirable workers overwhelmingly locate in communities with a high quality of life, which above all else means high-performing, well-funded schools.

It's time we all have the intellectual courage to admit that Indiana competes poorly on the factors that drive population and employment growth in the 21st century. We also need the courage not to accept it.

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Notice of Public Hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Wabash, Indiana

Notice is hereby given on the 2nd day of May, 2022, Jon R. Baker filed with the Board of zoning Appeals of the City of Wabash, Indiana, a petition requesting an appeal of a decision by the Building Commissioner of the City of Wabash, Indiana, to-wit: for the grant of a Variance.

The location and description of the property for which the Variance has been requested is 284 Gladstone Dr., Wabash, IN 46992, Parkview Lot 60 & Parkview W 5' Lot 61 Wabash, IN

The description of the action requested in the petition is add a 8' x 20' porch & concrete floor that will be only 14' from property line, per city code states that it needs to be 30' from property line.

The petition and all necessary information relating thereto will be available for public inspection in the office of the Building Commissioner of the City of Wabash, Indiana, Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week until the date of the hearing of the petition.

A public hearing will be held by said Board on the 19th day of May, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana, at which time all interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard on the matters set forth in the petition.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Steven D. Hentgen was, on April 26, 2022 appointed personal representative of the estate of Thelma Maxine Hentgen, deceased, who died on the 18th day of March, 2022.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

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/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)  
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PULSE

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impressive group of student entrepreneurs from each Wabash County high school for the 2022 INnovate Wabash County student pitch competition on Wednesday, May 4, at the Eagles Theatre. This year’s “Shark Tank” style pitch competition will feature 16 student teams presenting their innovative ideas for businesses and products to a panel of local business experts and mentors that will provide feedback about their pitch presentations and ask questions about the future and profitability of their proposed business ideas. The top four winners will receive cash prizes to be used to invest further in their business ideas or their education.

The Mom of an Addict starting a support group meeting in Wabash County

The Mom of an Addict, an organization offering education and support to families who have been affected by a loved one’s substance use disorder, is adding an in-person meeting location in Wabash County, according to founder and director Jennifer Hope. The new meetings will be held weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 at Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester. At the free support group meetings, parents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, children and friends will find others who understand what they are going through with their loved one. The meetings have an educational component for the first 30 minutes, and the next hour is spent in small group sharing settings. The educational component addresses many topics associated with addiction, such as the science of the disease of addiction, different types of drugs, enabling, detaching with love, setting healthy boundaries, types of treatment available, communication with our child, self-care, co-occurring disorders, relapse and ending the stigma. There will be guest speakers from time to time to address other specific topics. The meeting is open, and whether a loved one is currently using, is in recovery, is incarcerated or is deceased, everyone is encouraged to attend. Additional in-person and online meeting locations can be found by clicking on the Support Groups tab by visiting [www.themomofanaddict.org](http://www.themomofanaddict.org).

National Day of Prayer observances planned

Local National Day of Prayer events are set for Thursday, May 5. The noon prayer will last from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. on the lawn of the Wabash County Courthouse. The evening prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the large pavilion at Wabash City Park, 800 W. Hill St. Bring your lawn chair and dress appropriately for the weather. The guest speaker for both events will be Indiana Statehouse chaplain Matt Barnes. For more information, visit [www.praywabash.org](http://www.praywabash.org).

Waterfall Trolley Tour is now on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced the release of a new explorative trolley tour highlighting waterfalls in Wabash County, which will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7. This “all-inclusive” tour is limited to 34 people and the cost per ticket is \$30. The tour will leave from the Welcome Center in downtown Wabash and make its way to Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run where tour participants will hear from the caretaker of the 72-acre wetlands while hiking to the first waterfall on the tour. The tour also includes exploring Matlock Falls which are tucked away behind Matlock Cemetery. The last waterfall on the tour is located on private property and has been made available exclusively for this tour. The tour includes refreshments from Bailey’s Pizza Parlor and Modoc’s Market. Most of the tour requires walking on uneven, wet terrain. For more information, visit [VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours](http://VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours).

Local property tax bills are due

Spring bills are due by Tuesday, May 10. Taxes that are not paid by the deadline will receive a penalty. One check may be used when paying both spring and fall installments. Taxpayers may pay in person at the Wabash County Treasurer’s Office in the Wabash County Courthouse building on the main floor from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, except on Election Day, Tuesday, May 3, when they will be closed. Banks that will be collecting property taxes for her office include Bippus State Bank in North Manchester, Crossroads Bank in Wabash and

North Manchester, First Farmers Bank in Wabash, First Merchants Bank in Wabash and Flagstar Bank in Wabash. Payment may also be made in the drop box located at the basement entrance of the Wabash County Courthouse. Payment may also be made through the mail to Wabash County Treasurer, 1 W. Hill St., Suite 104, Wabash, IN 46992. Postmarks must be on Tuesday, May 10 or before. Taxpayers should enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a receipt back. Tax payments may now be paid with credit cards. Taxpayers who did not receive all of their bills should contact the Wabash County Treasurer’s Office. For more information, visit [www.wabashcounty85.us](http://www.wabashcounty85.us) or call 260-563-0661, ext. 1259.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series concludes

The presentation is at 11 a.m. Monday, May 9 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at [www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA](http://www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA) for updates. Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, May 25 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, May 11 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://www.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

WACT to host spring production of ‘The Dining Room’

The Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) spring production, “The Dining Room” by A.R. Gurney will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13; at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. Tickets will be available at the door. Those who

are interested in making a gift, but would like more information, may contact Bev Vanderpool by email at [vanderpob@yahoo.com](mailto:vanderpob@yahoo.com) or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at [beth@wabashmillers.com](mailto:beth@wabashmillers.com) or by calling 260-568-1128.

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market returns for its 15th season on Saturday, May 14

Downtown Wabash is now seeking vendors to register for the market’s 15th season. The 2022 Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon May 14 through Sept. 24 at 275 W. Market St. Vendor registration is available in drop-in, half-season and full-season schedules. Drop-in registration is \$15 per weekend. Half-season registration is \$115 for 10 weeks, from May 14 through July 16; and from July 23 through Sept. 24. Full-season registration is \$200 for 20 weeks from May 14 through Sept. 24. To register for this year’s market, visit [DowntownWabash.org/vendor](http://DowntownWabash.org/vendor), email [carly@downtownwabash.org](mailto:carly@downtownwabash.org) or call 260-563-0975.

Twelve Mile ‘Swing Into Spring’ Craft Show planned

A “Swing Intro Spring” Craft Show has been planned from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at the Twelve Mile Community Building, 7913 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile. All artisan, craft and vendors will be available. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the Firehouse Cafe, 8060 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra presents ‘Spaces’

On Sunday, May 15, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra will present “Spaces,” the world premiere of a concerto written by Conductor Debra Lynn for guest artist Derek Reeves, a violist. It is 3 p.m. in Cordier Auditorium. Admission for the public is \$15. It is free for those 18 and under and MU students and employees. The symphony will also perform La jolie fille de Perth by Georges Bizet, Die Hebrides Overture by Felix Mendelssohn and Knightsbridge March by Eric Coates.

SCHOOLS

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Wabash High School (WHS) was also recognized as a 2022-2023 Family Friendly School by the IDOE and given the designation of “Excelling,” said WHS assistant principal Jeffery R. Galley.

While this is a new award for WHS and Metro North Elementary School, they are not the first local schools to receive such a designation since the state’s program began.

In April 2021, more than 30 Indiana schools were been designated as 2021-2022 Family Friendly Schools by the IDOE. These schools – which span across the state, and include public and non-public schools – “are demonstrating excellence in engaging families in their children’s education,” said deputy director of communications Holly Lawson.

Among the schools which had renewed designations at last year’s awards were MSD schools Sharp Creek Elementary and Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS), which first received this recognition in 2020.

This year, Sharp Creek Elementary School and Northfield Jr/Sr High School both earned their third renewal on the list, said director of communication and community engagement Laura Langebartels.

Launched in 2015, the Family Friendly Schools designation focuses on addressing the academic, physical, emotional, and social needs of students while providing the needed resources and fostering active family involvement in the schools and the community. Schools that receive this designation have proven to welcome all families into the school community, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share power and collaborate with the community.

“Involving our families and community in our schools is paramount in addressing the academic, physical, emotional, and social needs of our students,” stated MSD Superintendent Mike Keaffaber. “I am proud of the schools that have achieved this distinction of being named Family Friendly schools by demonstrating excellence in engaging families in their children’s education.”

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ABORTION

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word on the matter – opinions often change in ways big and small in the drafting process, according to the Associated Press.

“The latest attack on the independence of the Supreme Court by the Democrat Party and the corporate media is shameful. However, if the leaked opinion is accurate then today is a landmark day for the sanctity of human life in our country. I am 100 percent pro-life and pray it is true that the Supreme Court will follow through and save countless lives,” said Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, the office Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, pointed to a series of posts on Twitter on the matter.

“I’m awaiting the official decision by the Supreme Court. A leak like this is unprecedented, and we need to ensure that Supreme Court justices are not subject to intimidation,” stated Young. “I do believe that Roe v Wade was wrongly decided and that the American people should be able to decide, through their elected officials, what our laws are when it comes to protecting life and protecting women. I’m committed to standing for life and supporting pregnant women.”

Young’s general election opponent, Democratic Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott, did not return a Plain Dealer request for comment as of press time.

President Joe Biden said Tuesday that the “basic fairness and the stability of our law demand” that the court not overturn Roe. While emphasizing that he couldn’t speak to the authenticity of the draft, Biden said his administration is preparing for all eventualities for when the court ultimate rules and that a decision overturning Roe would raise the stakes for voters in November’s heated midterm elections.

“If the court does overturn Roe, it will fall on our nation’s elected officials at all levels of government to protect a woman’s right to choose,” Biden said. “And it will fall on voters to elect pro-choice officials this November. At the federal level, we will need more pro-choice Senators and a pro-choice majority in the House to adopt legislation that codifies Roe, which I will work to pass and sign into law.”

Whatever the outcome, the Politico report late Monday represented an extremely rare breach of the court’s secretive deliberation process, and on a case of surpassing importance.

“Roe was egregiously wrong from the start,” the draft opinion states. It was signed by Justice Samuel Alito, a member of the court’s 6-3 conservative majority who was appointed by former President George W. Bush.

The document was labeled a “1st Draft” of the “Opinion of the Court” in a case challenging Mississippi’s ban on abortion after 15 weeks, a case known as Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization.

The court is expected to rule on the case before its term ends in late June or early July.

The draft opinion in effect states there is no constitutional right to abortion services

and would allow individual states to more heavily regulate or outright ban the procedure.

“We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled,” it states, referencing the 1992 case Planned Parenthood v. Casey that affirmed Roe’s finding of a constitutional right to abortion services but allowed states to place some constraints on the practice. “It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.”

Politico said only that it received “a copy of the draft opinion from a person familiar with the court’s proceedings in the Mississippi case along with other details supporting the authenticity of the document.”

The draft opinion strongly suggests that when the justices met in private shortly after arguments in the case on Dec. 1, at least five voted to overrule Roe and Casey, and Alito was assigned the task of writing the court’s majority opinion.

Votes and opinions in a case aren’t final until a decision is announced or, in a change wrought by the coronavirus pandemic, posted on the court’s website.

The report comes amid a legislative push to restrict abortion in several Republican-led states – Oklahoma being the most recent – even before the court issues its decision. Critics of those measures have said low-income and minority women will disproportionately bear the burden of the new restrictions.

The leak jumpstarted the intense political reverberations that the high court’s ultimate decision was expected to have in the midterm election year. Already, politicians on both sides of the aisle were seizing on the report to fundraise and energize their supporters on either side of the hot-button issue.

“The recent news on the Supreme Court’s likely decision on Roe v. Wade is frustrating,” said Democratic candidate for Indiana’s District 2 House Representative Paul Steury, on Tuesday. “We should not be continuing the debate over whether or not a woman has the right to choose what happens with her own body. The fact that some believe states have the ability to make women subject to their own bodies; that they think somehow, our Constitution, which has so many guarantees of our personal freedoms, doesn’t guarantee a woman the right to her own self and her own private medical decisions is outrageous. States do not have the right to force women to endure a dangerous or unwanted pregnancy. States do not suddenly gain control over a woman’s body for nine months when she becomes pregnant. And states cannot claim to be pro-life when they don’t fund rural hospitals, cannot decrease maternal mortality, and constantly try to pass laws making women second class citizens.”

Steury said it was “unconscionable to imagine we would force women to continue to suffer for another person’s belief that a fetus has more rights than they do.”

“I realize that this is a very controversial issue for many people, so I am always willing to hear from both sides, in order to try to reach a compromise that helps everyone be able to work together,”

said Steury. “I absolutely condemn any attempt by the Supreme Court or by state governments to insert themselves between a woman and her doctors. When elected to Congress I will support the passage of the Women’s Health Protection Act, protecting the rights of women to make their own decisions about their pregnancies, their families, and their lives. I hope that until that time, you all will join me when we march, protest and organize in support of every woman that wants control over her own life.”

Also, on Tuesday, Steury’s general election opponent, incumbent Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, released her own statement on the leak.

“Overturning Roe v. Wade would be an answer to prayer – but the court must speak for itself without facing intimidation or threats from extreme liberals with a clear agenda. This leak once again proves that the radical left will stoop to unprecedented lows to extinguish the right to life,” said Walorski.

At the state level, 100 members of the Indiana General Assembly recently wrote to Gov. Eric Holcomb asking for a special legislative session if Roe were to be overturned.

Holcomb’s press secretary Erin Murphy said they had received the letter and were awaiting further federal action.

Among the signers were Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, and Rep. Dan Leonard, R-Huntington.

Zay said he was interested in maintaining Indiana’s reputation as “one of the most pro-life states in the nation.” Leonard said taking immediate action would be imperative.

In the May primary election, Leonard is running against current Wabash County Councilmember Lorissa Sweet. On Sweet said she was skeptical of Leonard’s commitment to the issue.

Zay is running unopposed for re-election this year. On the Democratic Party side, Tammari (Tammy) Ingalls is running unopposed in the May primary election for her party’s nomination. She would face either Leonard or Sweet in the general election, depending on the outcome of their primary race. State Representative District 50 covers all of Wabash County except for Pleasant Township. (State Representative District 22 does cover Pleasant Township, and Republicans Curt Nisly and Snow, and Democrat Dee M. Moore are running in the May primary election. Nisly and Moore did not return requests for comment as of press time.)

Ingalls said she didn’t understand how those “without firsthand knowledge of personal experience” were “so quick to make the choice to force birth upon unwilling, and often incapable, mothers.”

Ingalls said she took exception to Snow’s contention that “even one unborn child suffering this fate is horrific.”

Ingalls said many women do not easily give up their children to adoption, which ends up further burdening the Department of Child Services (DCS).

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May 7.

The festival will also include an electroacoustic listening room running continuously and a workshop session with Nick Photinos on the afternoon of Saturday, May 7.

Those with questions may email Tim Reed at [tmreed@manchester.edu](mailto:tmreed@manchester.edu). Reed, theory and composition coordinator in the Manchester University Music Department,

is himself a composer of acoustic, electroacoustic and film music.

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Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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VOTING

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District 50, which covers all of Wabash County except for Pleasant Township, Republican incumbent Rep. Daniel J. (Dan) Leonard faced challenger and current Wabash County Councilmember Lorissa Sweet. The winner of that contest will face Democrat Tammari L. (Tammy) Ingalls in the general election in November.

The man holding the Leonard sign on one sign of the road declined a Plain Dealer request for comment.

However, the couple seated across the road holding signs supporting Sweet, Loren and Bernadette Hays, were quick to express their support, for obvious reasons.

“She’s our daughter,” said Bernadette Hays, laughing. “As far as we know it’s going good.”



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

The parents of Lorissa Sweet, Loren and Bernadette Hays, right, hold signs supporting their daughter across the road from a supporter of her primary election opponent Rep. Dan Leonard on Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash County

Loren Hays said the voting had been “fairly steady” all day.

“We’ve never voted here before, so we don’t have anything to compare it with, but there seems to be a fairly decent flow,” said Loren Hays.

Bernadette Hays said she had been campaigning at a voting location in Converse from 6 to 11 a.m. Tuesday. “For fairly small precinct

to vote it was pretty steady,” said Bernadette Hays.

When asked if there had been any arguments with the Leonard supporter across the road, Bernadette Hays just laughed.

“Oh no,” she said. “We’re not throwing anything.”

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Provided photo

Downtown Wabash is hosting May's First Friday with a special feature on graduating seniors and Sidewalk Sales.

DOWNTOWN

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more. Downtown will be buzzing with activities including a sold-out event at Eagles Theatre, restaurant specials and late-night shopping until 8 p.m.”

Ellis said Sidewalk Sales will make their springtime debut at May’s First Friday and run through Saturday, May 7.

“Businesses located within Downtown Wabash will host their own specials on the sidewalks outside of their business. Anything from boutique clothing, home decor and specialty gifts could be available from the businesses at special prices. Hours during Sidewalk Sales will vary by business,” said Ellis.

Also, during May’s First Friday festivities, the Wabash Valley Dance Theater (WVDT) will be collecting donations for their “Come Move with Us” capital campaign, said Melissa Ford-Kalbfell.

Ford-Kalbfell said their goal of raising \$750,000 will focus on a complete renovation of the WVDT studio at

58 W. Canal St.

“The renovation is necessary to serve more families and preserve the long-standing tradition of the studio,” said Ford-Kalbfell. “Improvements to the studio will include an additional studio space, updated restrooms, an attractive new facade with lobby area, a facelift to the second-floor dance studio to include windows, and a costume storage room. The improvements will also increase the safety and security of the building.”

Ford-Kalbfell said due to a few lead gifts, WVDT has raised a little over \$500,000 and has been able to begin the renovations.

“The goal is to raise the final \$250,000 before the start of the 2022-2023 dance season in September,” said Ford-Kalbfell.

Ford-Kalbfell said those who want to help support WVDT and the “Come Move with Us” campaign may donate online at [wabashvalleydance.org](http://wabashvalleydance.org) or send a check made out to WVDT to P.O. Box 572, Wabash, IN 46992. Donations will also be accepted in person at WVDT during May’s First Friday and at the WVDT

Spring Recital on Friday, May 13 at the Honeywell Center.

“Gifts of any size are appreciated and will help WVDT reach its goal,” said Ford-Kalbfell. “Donors who give \$1,000 and over will be permanently recognized on a donor wall in the studio’s new lobby. As Wabash Valley Dance Theater is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, all gifts are tax-deductible.”

Ford-Kalbfell said the studio’s company dancers have started their own fundraiser to help WVDT reach the campaign goal.

They are selling potted plants and hanging flower baskets, which are available for pre-purchase on the WVDT website and are available for pick-up or purchase at the studio between 5 and 8 p.m. Friday, May 6 during First Friday.

“Sneak peeks of the renovation will also be available that evening,” said Ford-Kalbfell.

For more information, email [info@wabashvalleydance.org](mailto:info@wabashvalleydance.org) or visit [www.wabashvalleydance.org](http://www.wabashvalleydance.org).

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